A.—Some representations have been received from zamindars on the subject. Section 16 of Madras Act II of 1894 provides for the punishment of village officers for misconduct or neglect of duty.

Power to zamindars of fining village officers.

484 Q.—Sri M. V. Appa Rao Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue—

(*a*) to state the number of the zamindars of this Presidency that have been entrusted with the powers of fining village officers; and

(*b*) whether it is the intention of the Government to extend such powers to other zamindars.

A.—(*a*) One hundred and twelve.

(*b*) The authority to confer on proprietors power to fine village officers under section 16 (1) of the Madras Proprietary Village Service Act, 1894, is vested in the Board of Revenue. The Board will doubtless consider applications from individual proprietors.

Mr. Yaqub Hasan's imprisonment.

485 Q.—C. V. S. Narasimha Raju: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(*a*) as to whether the Government are aware that the commitment to jail of Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others has caused general dissatisfaction in this Presidency and that such dissatisfaction has found expression in numerous public meetings; and

(*b*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of releasing Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others immediately.

A.—The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answers given to questions Nos. 524 and 527 put by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu respectively at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Imprisonment of Mr. Yaqub Hasan.

486 Q.—Saiyid Muhammad Padsha Sahib Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the commitment to jail of Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others has caused general dissatisfaction in this Presidency and whether such dissatisfaction has found expression in numerous public meetings; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to consider the desirability of releasing Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others in Malabar immediately.

A.—The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answers given to questions Nos. 524 and 527 put by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu respectively at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Grant of lands to the depressed classes.

487 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu: To ask the Hon'ble the Law Member for a statement showing the extent of land granted to the depressed classes in each district in this Presidency during 1918–19, 1919-20 and 1920-21 and to place on the table the instructions given by the Government for the disposal of lands to the depressed classes.